

Subject No. 107.

Free or favorable grants of timber for temple construction and repairs, &c.

Summary of discussion.—In order to restore some of the old temples and to encourage the construction of new ones, jungle wood should be supplied by Government free or at one rupee a cart-load as is given to the agricultural classes and not as at present at the trade rate of 5 rupees per cart-load which is a very heavy price.

Mr. Karodi Subba Rao, B. A., (Representative from Tirthahalli Taluk) asked that similar concessions should be granted for Matts and Inamdars also.

Dewan's reply.—Rules on the subject are under consideration. Temples and Matts deserve consideration. But not Inamdars certainly.

Subject No. 108.

Grazing in State Forests.

Summary of discussion.—Reserved Forests should be thrown open for grazing on a small fee to agriculturists, and on a prescribed higher fee to others.

Dewan's reply.—This cannot be done for obvious reasons.

Subject No. 109.

High seigniorage on fuel at Shimoga.

Summary of discussion.—Agriculturists now obliged to go to Shimoga District for fuel, are asked to pay 6 annas per cart-load like traders. This should be put a stop to; only 2 annas being demanded from them as in this District.

Dewan's reply.—No change seems expedient.

Subject No. 110.

Boundary marks of stone instead of earthen mounds.

Summary of discussion.—Instead of bandhs at an interval of every 10 chains along the margin of a number, stones 2 cubits high (leaving 1 cubit above the ground) may be allowed to be substituted when the extent is large.

Dewan's reply.—The subject was disposed of last year, and the necessary orders have been given (*vide* Subjects Nos. 88 and 137 of last year's Proceedings). More cannot be ordered.

Subject No. 111.

Disputes of co-sharers in a Survey number should be decided by Amildars.

Summary of discussion.—Disputes arising between Paikidars with regard to the respective extent of their lands should be disposed of by the Amildars with reference to the Survey accounts and not referred for the disposal of a Civil Court.

Dewan's reply.—This is difficult and objectionable.

Subject No. 112.

Sites for manure pits.

Summary of discussion.—Sites should be allotted outside village limits for manure pits.

Dewan's reply.—A very reasonable request, which local officers will gladly attend to on representation in individual cases.

Subject No. 113.

Franking covers sent by Municipal and Local Fund Members on public service.

Summary of discussion.—The Municipal and Local Fund representative members should be allowed to frank the covers containing their proposals.

Dewan's reply.—Franked covers may perhaps be sent for reply when Amildars call for information. The subject will be considered further.

Subject No. 114.

Inconvenient proximity of State Forests to cultivation and villages.

SHIMOGA DISTRICT.

Summary of discussion.—Demarcation of State Forests too near cultivated lands and villages should be discountenanced by Government.

Dewan's reply.—The remark will be commended to the Inspector General of Forests.

Subject No. 115.

Sub-Judge's Court for Shimoga.

Summary of discussion.—Considerable inconvenience is felt for want of a Sub-Judge's Court at Shimoga. The work is too much for the District Judge at present; and if the District Judge gets ill, parties are put to much inconvenience particularly in original and contested cases. The Court of a Sub-Judge which was abolished some years ago should be re-established.

Dewan's reply.—*Vide* reply to a similar representation from the Kadur District (Subjects Nos. 84 and 91 *supra*.)

Subject No. 116.

Frontier Forest Staff required.

Summary of discussion.—The allocation of Forest officers on the border stations of the Shimoga District to prevent smuggling of wood from Government Forests of Mysore is necessary and recommended.

Dewan's reply.—It appears from the Deputy Commissioner's report that "since the late smuggling of sandal on the Shikarpur frontiers, the frontier establishment has been placed under the orders of a Ranger with Head-quarters at Siralkoppa and the Sub-Assistant Conservator himself has his Head-quarters at Shikarpur." It is hoped that this will be sufficient. The question of Rangers and Foresters in Dharwar, issuing sandal passports which has conduced largely to smuggling is under consideration and the subject of correspondence with the Resident.

Subject No. 117.

Industrial Schools and Workshops required at Head-quarters of Districts.

Summary of discussion.—Industrial schools should be established at all Head-quarters of Districts. The question has been pressed before. The advantages are patent. The necessity is increasing.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya (Representative from the Rate-Payers' Association, Mysore) also spoke afterwards on the same subject and urged that an Industrial workshop should be started where poor and helpless boys of 12 years and upwards should be compelled to undergo training in some handicraft or other. A similar workshop for poor and helpless girls on slightly modified lines, if necessary, is no less indispensable and both these claim the favorable consideration of the Government.

Dewan's reply.—The subject is under consideration and a scheme is being matured to the end suggested.